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2019 Louisiana Envirothon held at LDEQ

BATON ROUGE – For the 14th year, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) proudly partnered with other Louisiana organizations to host the Louisiana Envirothon, an environmental problemsolving competition, in Baton Rouge. On Sat., April 13, eight high school teams participated in the environmental competition that included testing in aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, a current issue and an oral presentation. The 2019 current issue was Agriculture and Environment: Knowledge and Technology to Feed the World. Winning teams received recognition, plaques, medals and cash prizes. Participating schools included Calvin High School, Live Oak High School, Caddo Parish Magnet High School and Parkview Baptist School.

The winners of the 2019 Louisiana Envirothon are:

First Place: Calvin High School – Future Farmers of America (FFA) (Anthony Adams, Joseph Adams, Emma Bevill, Josie Camp and Treyton Trawick); Second Place: Caddo Parish Magnet High School – Team Hue Manatees (Diya Desai, Ashini Modi, Sophie Weiner, Brennan Deshotel and Savannah Green); Third Place: Live Oak High School – FFA Blue (Gage McKey, Brennan Stokes, Logan Schesser, Kyle McDaniel and Triston Roberson).

The highest scores on station tests were:

Calvin High School - FFA scored highest in Aquatics, Forestry, Wildlife and Orals. Live Oak High School - Environmental Club Two (Lauren Rogers, Madeline Pastuszek, Marcello Delvisco, Callie Tate and Cassie Pritchard) and Live Oak High School - FFA Blue Team tied for the highest score in Current Issue. Caddo Parish Magnet High School – Team Hue Manatees scored highest in Soils.

LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens sponsored the 2019 Louisiana Envirothon as a major sponsor. Louisiana Science Teachers Association and Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts sponsored as patron level sponsors. Detel, Louisiana Environmental Health Association, Bayou Vermilion Preservation Association and an anonymous donor all sponsored at the supporter level. Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers sponsored at the friend level.

Louisiana Envirothon partnered with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, Louisiana Environmental Education Commission, LSU School of Plant, Environmental & Soil Sciences, LSU Superfund Basic Research Program and Southern University and A&M College—Urban Forestry Program to host the competition.

For more information on Envirothon, please visit www.deq.louisiana.gov/envirothon or follow Louisiana Envirothon on Facebook, https://www.facebook.com/Louisiana-Envirothon-143476735949/.